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Cold weather to continue

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Recent snow over eastern parts of country saw the heaviest falls of the season for parts of Yorkshire, East Anglia and south-east England. Between 5 and 15 cm of snow is lying across these regions.

Snowfall recorded overnight, Thursday-Friday 17-18 December 2009

Wattisham, Suffolk	12 cm
Marham, Norfolk	10 cm
High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire	10 cm
Wittering, Cambridgeshire	10 cm
Albermarle, Northumberland	5 cm
Odiham, Hampshire	3 cm
Heathrow Airport	2 cm

Cold north-westerly winds will maintain the wintry theme to the weather across much of the UK over the weekend, with sharp overnight frost and widespread ice on untreated roads and pavements.

Met Office Chief Forecaster, Frank Saunders, said: “There could be some very low overnight temperatures with minima as low as minus 10 °C, especially where there is snow cover. Further heavy snow showers are expected in north-western parts of the UK, especially on Sunday.”

The run-up to the festive period remains crisp and seasonal with some hard frosts overnight. However, it is still too early to say what the weather on Christmas Day itself will be, with a battle taking place over the UK between cold air over the country and milder air trying to push up from the south.

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